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LB 24

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the first sentence in LB 24 says: "The Nebraska Immunization Registry Task Force is created." That's what LB 24 does. There should be a logic to actions undertaken by the executive branch, just as there should be logic to what we do when we enact a bill. The creation of this task force is for a purpose. The bill lays that purpose out. By sending the money into the budget of the Supreme Court is like sending it to the Bermuda Triangle. Where does it go? What does it do since there is no purpose in law for it? When...Health and Human Services, I stand corrected. Seek the culture corner is paying attention over here today. (Laughter) That is...I had referred to the Supreme Court's budget as the Bermuda Triangle. You know those spaces in outer space where things go and disappear and are never heard from again, the gravitational pull is so strong that even light, light is trapped and drawn in and cannot escape. We do not want to send money to such a fate. I understand that there is a feeling of elation about the last vote that was taken in overriding the bill that Senator Thompson was pushing for. That was work that needed to be done, but our work is not completed. Thirty-one thousand dollars is not going to break the state's budget. Some things that are done by the executive branch are so small and mean spirited that reasonable people could conclude that there is something personal and vindictive involved. Senator Foley and I had a light...at least from my side, a lighthearted exchange on this bill relative to where vaccines come from and their use. I engaged Senator Dwite Pedersen. So the bill did not just slip by without us being aware of what it contained and what it's purpose was. It passed with the emergency clause, which means 33 votes. If we vote to override, as I think we should, everybody who so votes will feel better about having done it. Senator Suttle was correct, in my view, when she said we are talking about power. I look at some of the vetoes that were cast and it seems to me that they were done for the purpose of telling the Legislature that the Governor is boss. Willy-nilly, helter-skelter, on whimsy alone he can decide to strike down acts of the Legislature, and to prove that he is the boss he will pick those acts which ought not to have been even of serious concern to the executive branch. We know that every bill either has to be signed by the